

lature shall at the same session, also provide that each county being entitled to six delegates shall be divided into three districts of compact and contiguous territory, of as nearly equal population as convenient, each of which districts shall elect two members to the House of Delegates; that each county being entitled to five delegates shall be divided into two districts, of compact and contiguous territory, one of which districts shall elect three members, and the others shall elect two members to the House of Delegates; that each county being entitled to four delegates shall be divided into two districts of compact and contiguous territory, and of as nearly equal population as convenient, each of which shall elect two members to the House of Delegates, and that counties entitled to three delegates and less shall elect as single districts without division; the residence in a district requisite to give a right of suffrage shall be six months next preceding the election, but in case any voter otherwise qualified shall have less than six months residence in the district of his then residence, he shall not thereby lose his right to vote in the district in which he may have resided for the six months next preceding his removal."

Mr. BLAKISTONE said that they were about to form a Constitution for the people of Maryland—a Constitution which would be acceptable to the people. There might be a majority in the Convention who desired that the State should not be districted; a large portion of them desired that the State should be districted, and he really hoped that gentlemen from some of the more populous portions of the State, if not from the city of Baltimore, which was to exercise such a preponderating influence in the Legislature, would give up their local prejudices, and meet them upon some common ground, where they would have some possible hope of standing, and enable them to unite with them in carrying out the Constitution they were about to adopt. If they refused the smaller counties every thing they asked, and if they should arbitrarily fix upon them a system to which they were utterly opposed, they could not expect that they would go with them in carrying the Constitution about to be adopted.

The question being on agreeing to the substitute,

Mr. SPENCER moved the previous question; Which was seconded.

Mr. JOHNSON asked the yeas and nays on the adoption of his substitute;

Which were ordered, and being taken,

Resulted as follows:

*Affirmative*—Messrs. Chapman, Pres't., Morgan, Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Kent, Weems, Dalrymple, Brent, of Charles, Merrick, Jenifer, Williams, Hicks, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Phelps, Tuck, Sprigg, McCubbin, Bowling, Dirickson, McMaster, Hearn, Fooks, Jacobs, Thomas, Johnson, Gaiter, Annan, Schley, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Kilgour, Waters and Smith—43.

*Negative*—Messrs. Sellman, Howard, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Ridgely, Lloyd, Sherwood,

of Talbot, Colston, John Dennis, Constable, Miller, McLane, Bowie, Spencer, Grason, George, Wright, Shriver, Biser, Sappington, Stephenson, McHenry, Magraw, Nelson, Carter, Thawley, Stewart, of Caroline, Hardcastle, Gwinn, Stewart, of Baltimore city, Brent, of Baltimore city, Sherwood, of Baltimore city, Presstman, Ware, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Brewer, Anderson, Weber, Hollyday, Fitzpatrick, Parke, Shower, Cockey and Brown—46.

So the Convention refused to accept the substitute.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. BOWIE.

Mr. BOWIE moved that the question be taken by yeas and nays;

Which being ordered,

Appeared as follows:

*Affirmative*—Messrs. Chapman, Pres't., Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Donaldson, Wells, Randall, Kent, Weems, Dalrymple, Brent, of Charles, Merrick, John Dennis, Williams, Hicks, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Phelps, Bowie, Tuck, Sprigg, McCubbin, Bowling, Dirickson, McMaster, Hearn, Fooks, Jacobs, Schley, Neill, John Newcomer, Kilgour, Waters and Smith—37.

*Negative*—Messrs. Sellman, Jenifer, Howard, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Ridgely, Lloyd, Sherwood, of Talbot, Colston, Constable, Chambers, of Cecil, Miller, McLane, Spencer, Grason, George, Wright, Thomas, Shriver, Johnson, Gaiter, Biser, Annan, Sappington, Stephenson, McHenry, Magraw, Nelson, Carter, Thawley, Stewart, of Caroline, Hardcastle, Gwinn, Stewart, of Baltimore city, Brent, of Baltimore city, Sherwood, of Baltimore city, Presstman, Ware, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Brewer, Anderson, Weber, Hollyday, Slicer, Fitzpatrick, Smith, Parke, Shower, Cockey and Brown—50.

So the amendment was rejected.

Mr. BLAKISTONE gave notice that on to-morrow he should move to reconsider the vote of the Convention on the amendment last offered by Mr. JOHNSON, and rejected by the Convention.

The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, May 10th, 1851.

The Convention met,

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. GRAUFF.

On motion of Mr. CONSTABLE,

The reading of the Journal of Proceedings was dispensed with.

Mr. CONSTABLE submitted the following articles to the Constitution.

1st. All rights vested and all liabilities incurred shall remain the same as if this Constitution had not been adopted,

2nd. The Governor and all officers, Civil and Military, now holding commissions under the authority of this State, shall continue to hold and exercise their respective offices according to their present tenure, until they shall be superced-